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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SADAT'S WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW

1. PRESIDENT SADAT'S WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW APPEARS AS MAJOR STORY IN AL-AHRAM AND GUMHURIYYA AND AS SECOND MAJOR STORY IN AL-AKHBAR. EIGHT COLUMN BANNER HEADLINES DECLARE: "SADAT REFUSES TO END STATE OF WAR WHILE ISRAEL CONTINUES HER OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES" (AL-AHRAM) AND "EGYPT WILL NOT GIVE GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL; PRESIDENT STATES: 'WE WILL NOT END STATE OF WAR WITH ISRAEL AS LONG AS HER FORCES OCCUPY OUR TERRITORY'." (GUMHURIYYA)

2. STORIES REPORT FOLLOWING POINTS MADE DURING INTERVIEW:

A) EGYPT WILL NOT GIVE WRITTEN COMMITMENT ENDING STATE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WAR. SUCH A COMMITMENT WILL BE GIVEN IN GENEVA IN PRESENCE OF

ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT AND ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH OUTSIDE GUARANTEES OF MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE AREA. EGYPT, HOWEVER, WILL NOT ATTACK ISRAEL AS LONG AS "CONTACTS" CONTINUE.

B) SADAT SUGGESTS US AS SUITABLE GUARANTOR AND STATES THAT HE WOULD TRUST ANY SUCH COMMITMENT MADE ON BEHALF OF THE US BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND BELIEVES ISRAELIS WOULD AS WELL.

C) ON SUBJECT OF GENEVA PEACE TALKS SADAT REPORTEDLY STATED THAT DELICACY OF CURRENT NEGOTITIONS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO TO GENEVA AT THIS TIME AS TALKS WOULD BE STALEMATED. ONLY ONCE "DANGEROUS SITUATION IS DEFUSED" CAN TALKS BE MOVED TO GENEVA.

D) ON JERUSALEM, SADAT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE IS "READY TO APPROVE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ALL SECTORS OF JERUSALEM AS SUBSTITUTE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ARAB SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ARAB SECTOR."

E) SADAT ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE MENTIONED DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW THAT HE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE "GREATEST PORTION" OF SOVIET ARMS FOLLOWING BREZHNEV'S FORTHCOMING VISIT. STORIES CONCLUDE WITH STATEMENT THAT SADAT REMAINS OPTIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS FOR PEACE.

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